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Dear Colleague:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Child and Adolescent Health Program, is pleased to announce that a Request for Applications (RFA) is available for the Children's Preventive Oral Health Education and Promotion Program. Approximate available funds in State Fiscal Year 2005 will be \$ 330,000.00.

Recognizing the importance of good oral health practices in children, the DHSS since 1981 has provided grant funds for a variety of oral health education programs for school age children in the State.

Through the competitive application process, the DHSS intends to fund three regional agencies with an agency to be located in the northern, central and southern part of the State. Interested agencies/organizations are invited to submit proposals to become a regional program agency which would then receive funds to administer the Children's Oral Health Education and Promotion Program.

Minimum eligibility criteria includes the ability to provide oral health education services throughout a seven county designated region, have a proven capability to provide preventive oral health services to high risk/need children in underserved areas, and have on site dental operatories that include the services of licensed dentists and registered dental hygienists or have the ability to arrange for dental/oral health services by another agency through a Letter of Agreement. However, preference will be given to applicants that have dental operatories on site along with licensed dentists and registered dental hygienists on staff. Activities and strategies that will be implemented by the Program will include the reduction of dental caries, dental sealants, promotion of fluoride as a preventive measure, utilization of fluoride mouthrinse and dietary practices that promote and enhance good oral health.

Interested applicants that meet criteria as outlined may obtain the RFA by contacting the Children's Oral Health Education and Promotion Program at 609-943-5749. The DHSS Health Service Grant Application is available on the Department's website. The address is: <http://www.nj.gov/health/grants> – then click on "Forms." All items in the grant application must be completed and submitted by the assigned deadline.

A completed, original signed application including all supporting materials and attachments, plus six (6) copies, must be received by the Children's Oral Health Education and Promotion Program **no later than Friday, January 28, 2005 at 4pm. EST.** No extensions will be granted and no late applications will be reviewed.

Eligible applicants are invited to give consideration to this RFA and are encouraged to submit an application. If you require additional information or further assistance, please contact Dr. Beverly Kupiec, Program Officer at 609-943-5749.

Sincerely,

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